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Frequently students living off-campus are from out-of-town and feel disconnected from their families. Showing an interest and making them feel welcome can go a long way in creating good relationships among neighbors.

Remember that it is natural for young people to get together with friends. Have a candid talk with your new neighbors regarding how you feel about parties.

- What is acceptable to you and what is not?
- Would they mind if you contacted them if the noise level rose to an unacceptable level?
- If you have young children with regular bedtimes; let them know.
- Discuss safety concerns that can arise when overcrowding occurs.

Having strong healthy young men and women in the neighborhood can definitely be an asset. Likewise, you can be a valuable resource for them; especially if they are new to the community.

## You Have Rights Under The Law!

If you do have a legitimate complaint and have attempted to address it with your new neighbor you can contact:

The Baltimore County Community Affairs Office  
410-887-3828

The Baltimore County Police – Towson Precinct  
410-887-2361

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